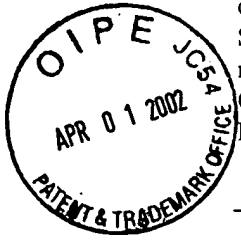


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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please enter the following preliminary amendment in the subject application.